Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-5.   (Cancelled)

6.   (Currently Amended) A method ~~in a data processing system~~ for using dining preferences to generate an order, the method comprising:

physically presenting, by a customer, a smart card to an employee of a restaurant;

reading, by a data processing system, customer dining preferences for [[a]] the restaurant from a memory in [[a]] the smart card ~~for a the customer~~, wherein the memory includes dining preferences for food items for a set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the dining preferences (i) are customer-portable between the set of different and unrelated restaurants, (ii) are read from the smart card using radio frequency signals, and (iii) are stored in association with a restaurant name and a food item name also stored in the smart card;

displaying, by the data processing system, the dining preferences for the restaurant on a display for order verification by both the employee and the customer, wherein other dining preferences maintained in the smart card for other restaurants are not displayed; and

generating, by the data processing system, the order using the dining preferences;

wherein the smart card further comprises a communications interface, wherein the communications interface allows for the dining preferences to be read from the memory by the data processing system at the restaurant for use in generating the food order, wherein the communications interface is a radio frequency transceiver that uses the radio frequency signals to read the dining preferences for the restaurant from the smart card and write the dining preferences for the restaurant to the smart card.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the smart card further comprises a processor embedded within the smart card ~~set of restaurants includes at least one restaurant~~.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

initiating the generating step after a user input confirming the dining preferences for the order.

9-13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the dining preferences are generated by ~~at least one of a kiosk in a public location,~~ a terminal at the restaurant and stored in the smart card at the restaurant~~, and a computer in a home of a user~~.

15.   (Currently Amended) A data processing system in a data processing system for using dining preferences to generate an order, the data processing system comprising:

reading means for reading dining preferences for a restaurant from a memory in a smart card for a customer, wherein the memory includes dining preferences for food items for a set of different and unrelated restaurants, wherein the dining preferences (i) are customer-portable between the set of different and unrelated restaurants, (ii) are read from the smart card using radio frequency signals, and (iii) are stored in association with a restaurant name and a food item name also stored in the smart card;

displaying means for displaying the dining preferences for the restaurant on a display for order verification by both an employee of the restaurant and the customer, wherein other dining preferences maintained in the smart card for other restaurants are not displayed; and

generating means for generating the order using the dining preferences;

wherein the smart card further comprises a communications interface, wherein the communications interface allows for the dining preferences to be read from the memory by a data processing system at the restaurant for use in generating the food order, wherein the communications interface is a radio frequency transceiver that uses the radio frequency signals to read the dining preferences from the smart card and write the dining preferences to the smart card.

16.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 15, wherein the dining preferences are generated by a terminal at the restaurant and stored in the smart card at the restaurant ~~set of restaurants includes at least one restaurant~~.

17.   (Original) The data processing system of claim 15 further comprising:

initiating means for initiating the generating means after a user input confirming the dining preferences for the order.

18.   (Currently Amended) The data processing system of claim 15, wherein the ~~card is a~~ smart card further comprises a processor embedded within the smart card.

19-22. (Cancelled)